



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

HEALTH CONSCIOUS: COOKING SHOW FEATURES NATIVE FOODS, CULTURE

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian



Genevieve King, Jody Perez and Heather Cahoon, from left, sit in the kitchen Wednesday near Post Creek where the new cooking show "Rez Chef" was recently taped. The show combines healthier cooking and eating with Indian tradition and culture, and will air on Salish Kootenai College's public television station, KSKC-TV.

Photo by TOM BAUER/Missoulian

POST CREEK - Jody Perez was sure that when, after a week at a Traditional Living Challenge Camp, she

stepped on the bathroom scales back home, she wouldn't like what she saw.

"I really thought I was overeating all week," Perez says. There were buffalo and elk steaks, salmon, dried meat, vegetables, fruit - even camas that participants harvested, peeled, dried and baked in the ground with black tree moss wrapped in skunk cabbage leaves.

NACDC'S SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER'S GOAL IS TO HELP

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 02/20/08

Long associated with the Blackfeet Mini-banks, Jay Dusty Bull was present Friday, Feb. 15, at

the offices of the Native American Community Development Corporation to offer smudge and song to celebrate an open house at NACDC's Specialized Small Business Support Services Center in Browning.

INDIAN ALLIANCE EYES BIG LEAP

By IR Staff - 02/20/08

For nearly four decades, the Helena Indian Alliance and the Leo Pocha Clinic have been fixtures on the local Native scene, providing not only medical care but a sense of community for the area's landless Indians. Now, according to its first non-Native executive director, the alliance aspires to do even more.

NEW ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION ANTI-SLANDER RULE RAISES TOUGH QUESTIONS

By ERIC NEWHOUSE, Tribune Projects Editor

BOX ELDER — Seventy-year-old Jeanne Hobbs is risking everything she owns by being quoted in this article.

"They could remove my membership in the tribe and declare me legally dead," Hobbs said. "They could sell my house, my possessions, my horses and my vehicles. They could exclude me from the reservation.

REZ GOT GAME AIMS TO BREAK DOWN COMMUNICATION BARRIERS

by: Adrian Jawort, Indian Country Today© 02/20/08

POLSON, Mont. - After taking his toys away for a punishment, Leslie Hamerberg noticed that her 5-year-old foster son invented and drew a new game on paper to play with to occupy his time.

The game implied that he if made good choices, he'd have a safe place to live - and his toys - as a positive result.

PBS SERIES FEATURES LOCAL BUSINESS WHIZ KIDS

By Florangela Davila, Seattle Times 02/17/08

Financially speaking, Mom, a part-time bookkeeper, and Dad, an architect, just didn't have the extra money to spend.

They could pay the private-school tuition for 11-year-old daughter Zoe. But if she wanted to join classmates on a school-sponsored study trip to Arizona, she'd have to come up with the \$1,400 herself.

FARM AND RANCH MEETING SET

Glacier Reporter 02/20/08

The Chippewa Cree Tribe's Dry Fork Farms will be co-sponsoring along with the Stone Child College Extension program and the National Tribal Development Association a "Rocky Boy & Community Farmer and Rancher Informational Meeting" to be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Stone Child College Vo-Tech Building.

MICROSOFT HAS SUITE DEAL FOR STUDENTS - FREE SOFTWARE

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates wants students around the world to begin using his company's software-development tools, and he's giving them away for free.

Gates was expected to announce the Microsoft DreamSpark program during a speech today at Stanford University in California.

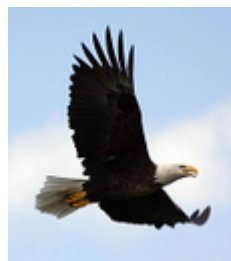
TRIBES, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MEET TO DISCUSS BISON RANGE

Char-Koosta News 02/21/08

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. - Serious discussions continued this week between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to develop an annual funding agreement (AFA) for the National Bison Range.

COMMENTARY: OUTCOME OF EAGLE CASE CRUCIAL FOR CROWS

By Jay Harris, CrowNews.Net



In March 2005, a 22-year-old oil field worker named Winslow Friday, Jr., a Northern Arapaho tribal member from Wyoming's Wind River Reservation,

was preparing to participate in the Sun Dance ceremony that July and needed an eagle plume, feathers, and a wing.

PORT AUTHORITY SEEKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 02/20/08

The Feb. 14 meeting of the Glacier County Regional Port Authority focused on creating committees for an assortment of projects, as well as discussing terms of two Port Authority

members' terms expiring this year. The situation regarding the Port Authority's move to acquire grain elevators in Cut Bank through a tax deed was also discussed.

NEXT HEARING IN COBELL CASE SET FOR MARCH 5

Indianz.com 02/21/08

A federal judge will hold a status conference on March 5 to discuss the next step in the Cobell trust fund case.

JOB VACANCIES:

2008 SKC CAREER / JOB FAIR. Thursday, February 27 ~ 12:30 to 4:00 At the late Louis Caye Sr. Cultural Building Four Workshops *Resume Writing *What to Expect From a Career Fair *Tips & Techniques for Interviewing *Networking Essentials Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 9:00 to 3:00 2008 SKC Career / Job Fair. At the Joe McDonald Health Education Center South of Pablo on the East side of the Highway If you would like to receive additional information about participating, please contact Ellie McLeod or Terri Cordier by email: ellie_mcleod@skc.edu or terri_cordier@skc.edu Seasonal and year around employers will be on hand to promote their workplaces and to gather applications, resumes, and to interview for job vacancies. This event is open to the general public and is an opportunity to gather career information from Lake County Employers, State wide employers, Montana training programs, Job Corps and the Armed Forces. We ask that applicants be dressed appropriately and be prepared for interviews.

IN HOUSE-STAFF ATTORNEY BLACKFEET TRIBE

The Blackfeet Tribe is seeking a full time in-house staff attorney to represent the Tribe in administrative and civil litigation proceedings in federal, state and tribal forums.

The staff attorney will primarily be responsible for general litigation matters, employment relations, legislative advocacy, and assisting tribal programs. It is preferred that an applicant have at least five (5) years experience in the practice of law. The applicant must be licensed in the State of Montana and produce a Certificate of Good Standing with the Montana State Bar. The applicant should have demonstrated interest and knowledge of federal Indian law, administrative law, and tribal advocacy. The position requires personal integrity and the ability to produce timely and accurate written work. Salary will be negotiable. Applicant must submit to a criminal background check and pass a pre-employment drug screen. Please send a resume and a short writing sample to Janice Christian, Personnel Director, P.O. Box 850, Blackfeet Tribe, Browning MT 59417. The Position will remain open until filled. If you have questions or need further information, please contact the Blackfeet Legal Department at (406) 338-7777.

<http://www.blackfeetnation.com>

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WEEL (Working for Equality and Economic Liberation) a social justice organization is seeking a COMMUNITY ORGANIZER to work 20 hours/week in Browning. \$13,000.00/annually, health

insurance, training and travel opportunities.. Must have understanding and experience with American Indian issues. See www.weelempowers.org for more information. Submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to WEEL 32 S. Ewing #109 Helena, MT 59601 by Feb. 28th

HOME PROGRAM OFFICER (Administrative Specialist)

#60055, Housing Division, Department of Commerce, Helena, \$33,767 - \$42,209. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: March 14, 2008.

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR (Computer Support Specialist), #66809,

Management Services, Department of Commerce, Helena, Salary \$37,027 - \$46,284. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2718. Deadline: March 4, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA

The University of Montana invites applications for a one year Visiting/Adjunct Assistant Professor or Instructor for 2008-2009. Responsibilities include teaching courses in rhetoric, or related areas of interest, particularly gender and communication. The department offers a work environment that is stimulating, congenial, and dedicated to strong teaching and research. Applicants should have a Ph.D. or completed coursework toward the Ph.D. in Communication Studies, with a background in rhetorical studies. Applications: We will begin review of applications on March 7 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and evidence of excellence in both teaching and scholarship. Please send applications to: Betsy Wackernagel Bach, Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Montana-Missoula, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812 (betsy.bach@umontana.edu). Hard copy of applications preferred. Please visit our website at www.umt.edu/dcs. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference

EVENTS/TRAINING:

HWY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN MT, 02/28, Great Falls

CM Russell Museum

The MDT DBE program along with Warshield Development Corp. is sponsoring a FREE one day workshop for minorities and women interested in Highway construction contracting and getting certified in the DBE program or SBA's 8A program.

February 28th from 8am to 4pm RSVP to Shannon Hahn by February 25th

The training will be on..... DBE program (what it can do for you) Bonding Reading Hwy Construction Plans SBDC & SBA (what they have to offer) Native Am Economic Dev. study

A continental breakfast from 8am to 9am Lunch will be provided with a tour of the museum

Contact: Shannon Hahn 406-444-7287 or shahn@mt.gov

"MARKETING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: KEYS TO SUCCESS", LUNCHEON SEMINAR 2/29, MISSOULA

MonTech Building Conference Room

www.mwtc.org

Friday, February 22, 2008

MWTC AND THE MONTANA PROCUREMENT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (MT PTAC)
EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Friday, February 29, 2008 11:30am – 1:00pm
WHERE: MonTech Building Conference Room 1121 East
Broadway, Missoula, MT
COST: \$10 for MWTC and PTAC members \$20 for Non-
Members *Lunch included
RSVP: Please contact Megan Harrington
(megan@mwtc.org, 406.243.5850) by Wednesday, February
27, 2008, to reserve your spot!

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Sharon Dailey, Missoula Area
PTAC Manager, will provide an overview of PTAC and
instructions on how to successfully market your business to
the Federal Government

SPACE IS LIMITED AND ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED!

Sharon Dailey Missoula Area PTAC Sub-Center Manager
Telephone: 406.532.3207 Fax: 406.543.2304
Email: ptac@maedc.org

Contact: RSVP to Megan Harrington (megan@mwtc.org,
406.243.5850) by Wednesday, February 27

**"BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES: ASSET-
BASED STRATEGIES AND TOOLS",
3/25, BOZEMAN**

Holiday Inn in Bozema

On Tuesday, March 25, Dr. John "Jody"
Kretzmann will lead a workshop on "Building
Strong Communities: Asset-based Strategies and
Tools" from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in
Bozeman.

In this workshop, you can learn more about
community-based asset development, including
how to mobilize the skills and interests of
individual residents, local voluntary associations,
local institutions, the physical assets of the
community (e.g. land, buildings, transportation),
the economy, the community's culture and
stories. The cost of this workshop is \$15, which
includes lunch.

To register, please visit
<http://www.hopamountain.org/programs.html> or
call Hopa Mountain at (406) 586-2455.

Kretzmann is the Co-Director of the Asset-Based
Community Development (ABCD) Institute at
Northwestern University (Chicago, IL) and author
of "Building Communities from the Inside Out: A
Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a
Community's Assets." He has international
recognition as an inspiring, straightforward, and
wise advocate of strength-based approaches to
building healthy local communities. For more
information about ABCD, link to
<http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/abcd/>.

Kretzmann will also give an evening lecture in
Montana State University's Ballroom D on March
25 at 7 p.m. entitled "Building Vital Communities
from the Inside Out." This free evening lecture is
open to everyone interested in learning about
practical resources and tools to identify, nurture,

and mobilize neighborhood assets. Kretzmann
challenges the traditional approach to solving
community problems, which focuses service
providers and funding agencies on the needs and
deficiencies of communities. Instead, he
advocates that community assets are the key
building blocks in sustainable urban and rural
community revitalization efforts.

This program is co-sponsored by Hopa Mountain,
Opportunity Link, Montana State University's
Horizons Program and Leadership Institute, and
ASMSU. For more information, please call Heather
Miller at Hopa Mountain at (406) 586-2455.

We hope to see you there!

Dr. Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer Hopa Mountain
(406) 586-2455 <http://www.hopamountain.org>

David M. Young, Professor Community Resource
Specialist Extension Service & College of Nursing
Montana State University e-mail:
dyoung@montana.edu weblink:
<http://extn.msu.montana.edu/CommRes/index.html>
Phone: 406-994-5552 Fax: 406-994-1756
"Facilitating Community Renewal &
Transformation - from Striving to Thriving"
Contact:
<http://www.hopamountain.org/programs.html>
(406) 586-2455

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
OFFICE**

[Assistance Request](#)

In order to determine what services would increase the
participation of DBE firms in Federal-aid highway
construction projects, we have contracted with a consultant
to help us process our needs assessment.

Below you will find a link to the survey site that has been set
up for the assessment.

The [survey](#) takes less than 5 minutes to complete. It is short
and sweet: www.questionweb.com/84060

Thank you for your help!

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MDT - Civil Rights Bureau
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lwootanhartung@mt.gov
(406) 444-6337 (voice)
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(406) 444-7685 (fax)

Indian Education

OPI Indian Education website

The OPI Indian Education website located at
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/IndianEd> is under

construction. Please bear with us for the next couple of weeks as we transfer our material to the new site. The new site will allow teachers to search for model lesson plans, material, and background information by grade level, content area, tribe, and/or essential understanding. The new website will also include 91 social studies unit plans and will separate Indian Education For All material from Indian Student Achievement material. We hope this new website will be more user-friendly and accessible for Montana's educators.

For more information, contact [Denise Juneau](#), (406) 444-3694.

A Process Guide for Realizing Indian Education For All

A Process Guide for Realizing Indian Education for All: Lessons Learned from Lewis & Clark Elementary School is available on the website at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/PUB/PDF/IndianEd/08ProcessGuide.pdf> This guide presents insights gained from a two-year process of implementing Indian Education for All into an urban elementary school. Topics covered include; Integrating Indian Education as a Form of Place-based Multicultural Education, Securing School-based Commitment and Teamwork, Partnering with Indian People, Intercultural Communication – Essence of Indian/non-Indian Partnerships and Supporting Teachers to Cross Over the Tipping Point. This guide is an excellent resource for any school's IEFA implementation efforts.

For more information, contact [Angie Collins](#), (406) 444-0708.

Indian Education For All Music Curriculum

American Indian Music: More than just Flutes and Drums (A Guide to American Indian Music) is now online at:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/IndianEd/Curric/MoreThanDrums2008.pdf>

This new music curriculum guide will also be mailed to every public school library along with an accompanying CD of American Indian contemporary and pow-wow music. The CD will also be streamed on the website.

For more information, contact [Mike Jetty](#), (406) 444-0720.

Indian Legal Education for All

The University of Montana Indian Law Clinic in partnership with the Office of Public Instruction has created web-based professional development for teachers. Each presentation is focused on Federal Indian Policy and Tribal Sovereignty and is approximately one hour. Participants will be eligible to receive OPI renewal units at the completion of each module.

Additional information will be presented on the Web site.

The PowerPoint presentations may be accessed through the following links;

<http://mlawcln188100.law.umt.edu/tribaluspolicy/>

<http://mlawcln188100.law.umt.edu/tribalsovereignty/>

For more information, contact [Angie Collins](#), 444-0708.

Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) Annual Conference

The Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) will host their annual conference April 24-26 in Missoula. For more information, visit the MIEA website at <http://www.mtiea.org>

For more information, contact [Carol Juneau](#), 338-5689.

Indian Education For All 101 Online Course - Free

Who: Any teacher, paraprofessional, or administrator who wants more information OR has NOT attended or completed a Level One training for IEFA. (Awareness, History of the Law, Essential Understandings)

What: Online FREE opportunity to become acquainted with the History of the Law, Essential Understandings and Resources available.

When: Available now with flexible completion time. Approximately 6 hours of work time.

Where: Online—do it from your own computer anytime

Sponsored by: Montana North Central Education Service Region (MNCSR) and Western Montana Partnership For Educational Resources (WMPER) in partnership with OPI

For more information, contact [Jeredene Mayfield](#), 406-434-2745.

Digital Teacher Workshops for Teachers of Native American Students

Submitted by Denise Juneau on 2/4/08.

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, in collaboration with the Office of Indian Education, has launched a new Web site for teachers of Native American students. The Web site consists of workshops designed to provide professional development opportunities for teachers of Native American students in all grade levels and content areas. The workshops support mastery of academic

content and application by modeling strong teaching methods that have been successful in the classroom and providing a classroom application component and additional resources. For additional information visit:

<http://www.t2tweb.us/NativeAmerican/home.asp>

For more information, contact [USED Office of Indian Education](#), 202-260-7485.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: NATIVE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

Deadline: March 12, 2008

Amount: Estimated funds available: \$3,500,000. Estimated number of awards: 50. Estimated grant range: \$50,000-\$250,000.

Eligibility: Tribal governments and organizations; Alaska Native villages and organizations; Native Hawaiian-serving nonprofit organization; nonprofit organizations serving Native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and tribal institutions of higher education

Description: This program seeks to preserve languages and ensure their continuation as a means of strengthening group identity; the program seeks to contribute to the social development of Native communities and significantly contribute to their efforts toward self-sufficiency. The program supports efforts to develop language plans and improve technical capabilities, and seeks to provide access to the necessary financial and technical resources in order to assess, plan, develop, and implement programs to assure the survival and continuing vitality of native languages.

Contact: Administration for Native Americans Applicant Help Desk, 877-922-9262; email: ana@acf.hhs.gov

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

Deadline: March 12, 2008

Amount: Estimated funds available: \$1,200,000. Estimated number of awards: 10. Estimated grant range: \$50,000-\$300,000. Estimated average award: \$200,000.

Eligibility: Tribal governments and organizations; Alaska Native villages and organizations; and consortia

Description: This program seeks to mitigate environmental impacts on Indian lands due to Department of Defense activities on Formerly Used Defense Sites. The program provides support to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of programs for such mitigation.

Contact: Administration for Native Americans Applicant Help Desk, 877-922-9262; email: ana@acf.hhs.gov

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY ENHANCEMENT

Deadline: March 12, 2008

Amount: Estimated funds available: \$1,500,000. Estimated number of awards: 30. Estimated grant range: \$50,000-\$250,000. Estimated average award: \$125,000.

Eligibility: Tribal governments and organizations; Alaska Native villages and organizations; and consortia

Description: This program supports capacity building in order to identify, plan, develop, and implement environmental programs in a manner that is consistent with tribal culture for Native communities. Program areas include projects to develop regulations, ordinances, and laws to protect the environment; projects to develop the technical and program capacity to carry out a comprehensive tribal environmental program and perform essential environmental program functions to meet tribal and federal regulatory requirements; projects that promote environmental training and education of tribal employees; and projects that develop technical and program capacity to monitor compliance and enforcement of tribal and federal environmental regulations, ordinances, and laws.

Contact: Administration for Native Americans Applicant Help Desk, 877-922-9262; email: ana@acf.hhs.gov

GRANTS TO TRIBES, TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND MIGRANT PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS



The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of **02/13/2008**. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis. If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click [send me change notification emails](#). The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

Any inconsistency between the original printed document and the disk or electronic document shall be resolved by giving precedence to the printed document.

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CA-0050
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Feb 13, 2008
Creation Date:	Feb 13, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications:	May 12, 2008 S
Current Closing Date for Applications:	May 12, 2008 eastern time, on the due date referenced above.
Archive Date:	Jun 11, 2008
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant

Friday, February 22, 2008

Category of Funding Activity: Income Security and Social Services
Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards: 3
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$416,889
Award Ceiling: \$138,963
Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number: 93.590 -- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Eligible Applicants

Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Additional eligibility types: Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs with the capacity to establish, maintain and evaluate community-based programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect may apply. Applicants should specify if they are applying as a "Tribe" or "Tribal Organization" or "Migrant Program". Non-profit organizations (with and without 501(c)(3) status) are eligible to apply under this announcement if they operate or plan to operate migrant programs. Organizations should foster strong linkages with the State Lead Agency for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs funded by Title II of CAPTA. Collaborative and interdisciplinary efforts are acceptable, but applications should identify a primary applicant responsible for administering the grant. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. Foreign entities are not eligible under this announcement.

Agency Name: Administration for Children and Families

Description

The primary purpose of this funding announcement is to provide financial support to selected Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening marriages and reaching out to include fathers, that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families.

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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2008 RURAL FIRE ASSISTANCE WITH BIA, BLM, NPS & USFWS - REQUEST FOR PRE-APPLICATIONS



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Funding Opportunity Number: ID-RFA-008-0002
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Feb 21, 2008

Creation Date: Feb 21, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications: Mar 14, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 14, 2008
Archive Date: Apr 13, 2008
Funding Instrument Type: Grant
Category of Funding Activity: Natural Resources
Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards: 50
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$590,000,000
Award Ceiling: \$20,000
Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number: 15.242 -- National Fire Plan - Rural Fire Assistance

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Agency Name: Bureau of Land Management

Description

Provide funding to rural and volunteer fire departments to increase local firefighter safety and enhance fire protection capabilities. *Expected number of awards is an estimate.

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Chris Shaver

Grants Management Officer

Phone 208-373-3817 [E-Mail Address](#)

CHALLENGE GRANTS



Document Type: Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number: 20080501-CH
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Feb 15, 2008
Creation Date: Feb 15, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications: May 01, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications: May 01, 2008
Archive Date: May 31, 2008
Funding Instrument Type: Grant
Category of Funding Activity: Humanities (see "Cultural Affairs" in CFDA)
Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards:
Estimated Total Program Funding:
Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number: 45.130 -- Promotion of the Humanities_Challenge Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Agency Name: National Endowment for the Humanities

Description

NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions,

historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enhance the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities. Activities supported Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Institutions may use the income from invested funds to meet ongoing humanities-related costs. Examples include: faculty and staff positions, fellowships, lecture or exhibition series, visiting scholars or consultants, publishing subventions, maintenance of facilities, faculty and staff development, acquisitions, and preservation or conservation programs.

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Office of Challenge Grants
National Endowment for the Humanities
Room 420
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20506
202-606-8309 challenge@neh.gov

VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT



Document Type:	Modification to Previous Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	RDBCP-08-01-VAPG
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Feb 15, 2008
Creation Date:	Feb 15, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 31, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 31, 2008
Archive Date:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Agriculture
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	130
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$18,400,000
Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.352 -- Value-Added Producer Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

Individuals

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Applicants must be an independent producer, agriculture producer group, farmer or rancher cooperative, or majority-controlled producer-based business venture as defined in 7 CFR 4284, subpart A.

Agency Name: Business and Cooperative Programs

Description

The primary objective of this grant program is to help eligible independent producers of agricultural commodities, agricultural producer groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures develop strategies to create marketing opportunities and to help develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities. Eligible agricultural producer

groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and majority controlled producer-based business ventures must limit their proposals to emerging markets. These grants will facilitate greater participation in emerging markets and new markets for value-added products. Grants will only be awarded if projects or ventures are determined to be economically viable and sustainable. No more than 10 percent of the program funds can go to applicants that are majority controlled producer-based business ventures.

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

Tracey Kennedy
Phone 2027207558 [Information Contact](mailto:Tracey.Kennedy@aphis.usda.gov)

SMALL MINORITY PRODUCER GRANT



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Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Agriculture
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	8
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$1,463,000
Award Ceiling:	\$175,000
Award Floor:	\$0
CFDA Number:	10.771 -- Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Eligible applicants are minority cooperatives or minority associations of cooperatives. Individuals are not eligible for this program.

Agency Name: Business and Cooperative Programs

Description
Provides technical assistance to small, minority agricultural producers through eligible minority cooperatives and minority associations of cooperatives.

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EVIDENCE BASED DECISION MAKING FOR LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

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Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement

Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Criminal Justice System

Expected Number of Awards: 1

Estimated Total Program Funding:

Award Ceiling: \$450,000

Award Floor:

CFDA Number: 16.602 -- Corrections_Research and Evaluation and Policy Formulation

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Additional Information on Eligibility:

An eligible applicant is any private agency, educational institution, organization, individual or team with expertise in the described areas.

Agency Name: National Institute of Corrections

Description

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is soliciting proposals from organizations, groups or individuals who would like to enter into a cooperative agreement with NIC for the eighteen month development phase of a new initiative, "Evidence Based Decision Making for Local Criminal Justice Systems" (justice systems). The overall goal of the initiative is to establish and test articulated linkages (information tools and protocols) between local criminal justice decisions and the application of human and organizational change principles (evidence based practices) to achieve measurable reduction of pretrial misconduct and post-conviction risk of re-offending. The unique focus of the initiative is locally developed strategies of criminal justice officials (defined in the full announcement) that guide practice within existing sentencing statutes and rules.

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**FY 2008 NATIONAL SCENIC
BYWAYS PROGRAM
DISCRETIONARY GRANTS**



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Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Transportation

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards:

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$40,000,000

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor:

CFDA Number: 20.205 -- Highway Planning and Construction

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

State governments
County governments
City or township governments

Special district governments
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Federal agencies, local units of government, and nonprofit organizations may apply to this program, but they must coordinate their applications with their State Departments of Transportation (DOT). The formal applications to FHWA are submitted by the State DOTs, and the projects are generally managed by the cognizant State DOT. Indian tribe governments have the option of submitting byway grant applications through the State or directly to the FHWA Division office in their State.

Agency Name: DOT Federal Highway Administration
Description

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued the FY 2008 solicitation for proposals under the National Scenic Byways Program. Under this program, the Secretary of Transportation may make grants to States or Indian tribes to implement projects on roads designated as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads, State scenic byways, or Indian tribe scenic byways. The Secretary may also make grants to States or Indian tribes to plan, design and develop a scenic byways program. Eligible projects must be from one of the following eight eligible activities: State or Indian tribe Scenic Byway Programs, Corridor Management Plans, Safety Improvements, Byways Facilities, Access to Recreation, Resource Protection, Interpretive Information, or Marketing. FHWA has decided to be more strategic in its FY 2008 National Scenic Byways Program grant awards process by targeting its resources toward projects that provide the greatest benefits. FHWA is particularly focusing on projects with demonstrated benefits for the byway traveler and invites the application of large-scale, high-cost projects that provide strategic benefits to the byway. The Federal share of the byway project grant is 80 percent. The National Scenic Byways Program FY 2008 Grants Information is available at: <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants>. Please contact your Scenic Byway coordinator to discuss your project before preparing an application. Their contact information can be found at:

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS -
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS
AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965**



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Original Closing Date for Applications: Proposals under this competitive solicitation are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received. Generally, two months are required for EDA to reach a final decision after receipt of a

complete application that meets all requirements.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$249,100,000

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor:

CFDA Number: 11.300 -- Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities

CFDA Number: 11.302 -- Economic Development_Support for Planning Organizations

CFDA Number: 11.303 -- Economic Development_Technical Assistance

CFDA Number: 11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

State governments
County governments
City or township governments
Special district governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. Projects eligible for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investment assistance include those projects located in regions meeting "Special Need" criteria (as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3), as set forth in section VIII.B. of this announcement. For-profit, private-sector entities do not qualify for investment assistance under PWEDA. Nonetheless, under its Local Technical Assistance Program or National Technical Assistance Program, EDA may make an award to a for-profit organization to carry out specific research or for other purposes set forth in 13 C.F.R. § 306.1. See also 42 U.S.C. § 3147. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will Agency Name: Economic Development Administration be located.

Description

EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Under this announcement, EDA solicits proposals or applications (as appropriate) for the following programs under PWEDA: (i) Public Works; (ii) Planning; (iii) Local Technical Assistance; and (iv) Economic Adjustment Assistance. EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to

attract new industry, support technology-led development, accelerate new business development, and enhance the ability of regions to capitalize on opportunities presented by free trade. The Planning Program helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS), and for related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions. The Local Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. This competitive solicitation announcement covers Local Technical Assistance only. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. communities and regions.

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(NATIVE AMERICAN) BIA BEGINS SELF-GOVERNANCE PROCESS FOR FY 2009

Agency: Interior Dept. (Bureau of Indian Affairs—BIA);
Program: Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP);
Eligibility: Tribes and consortia of tribes; **Funding:** TBD;
Deadline: March 3.

Purpose: Tribes or consortia of tribes can apply to begin participating in TSGP in FY 2009 or calendar year 2009. Each year, BIA can choose up to 50 additional tribes to participate in the program. Each tribe negotiates and enters into a written funding agreement with BIA.

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(NATIVE AMERICAN) GRANTEE WILL LEAD HEALTH YOUTH DEMONSTRATION

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Indian Health Service, Office of Clinical & Preventive Services); **Program:** Demonstration Project for Healthy Lifestyles in Youth (CFDA Number: 93.933); **Eligibility:** Tribes, tribal organizations and nonprofit urban Indian organizations; **Funding:** \$1 million for a cooperative agreement; **Deadline:** April 18.

Purpose: The grantee will promote healthy lifestyles among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth using the "Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life (TRAIL)" curriculum among selected Boys and Girls Clubs (BGG) sites. The goal is to address healthy lifestyle development with a focus on nutrition and physical activity for children and youth 6 through 17 years of age.

The grantee will work with the BGC sites to provide health and physical education by helping youth:

Achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles through fitness programs.

Acquire a range of physical skills.

Develop a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

The hope is these early intervention opportunities may reduce or halt the increasing trend of obesity and diabetes among youth and young adults.

The TRAIL curriculum was developed to provide info on good nutrition and promote physical activity among

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adolescents participating in Tribal Boys and Girls Clubs. TRAIL was pilot tested at 40 AI/AN Boys and Girls Clubs in 19 states where the overall results indicated improvement in participant knowledge.

The grantee will select and assist 35 additional sites in establishing and implementing the curriculum. The sites serve 100% federally-recognized AI/AN youth.

Grant must: provide technical consultation; train; monitor; evaluate; and provide funds to support activities.

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(NATIVE AMERICAN) ACF FUNDS TRIBAL, MIGRANT CHILD ABUSE EFFORTS

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Admin. for Children & Families); **Program:** Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs (CFDA Number: 93.590);

Eligibility: Nonprofits and tribal governments; **Funding:** \$417,000 for three awards; **Deadline:** May 12.

Purpose: Funds go for tribal and migrant programs and activities to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening marriages and reaching out to include fathers, which will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of migrant and Native American children and their families.

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(SUBSTANCE ABUSE) SAMHSA OFFERS TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION GRANTS

Agency: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin. (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT);

Program: Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need—or Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) grants (CFDA Number: 93.243);

Eligibility: Domestic public and private nonprofit entities; state and local governments; tribes and tribal organizations; urban Indian organizations; public or private universities and colleges; community, faith-based and recovery community organizations; **Funding:** An estimated \$7 million is available for grants up to \$250,000 or \$400,000, depending on the category (see description below for details), with project periods up to three years; **Deadline:** April 18.

Purpose: This program is designed to address gaps in substance abuse treatment capacity by supporting rapid and strategic responses to demands for substance abuse (including alcohol and drug) treatment services in communities with serious, emerging drug problems as well as communities with innovative solutions to unmet needs. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance the community's ability to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and community-based response to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services. SAMHSA/CSAT intends to fund projects for treatment services in two categories in FY 2008:

Category 1—American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian

American/Pacific Islander Populations: To meet the disproportionate substance abuse treatment needs of smaller native communities, this category specifically identifies American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and Asian American/Pacific Islanders (AA/PI), including Native Hawaiians, as native populations to receive expanded and/or enhanced treatment services under this program. Eligibility for this category is restricted to federally recognized

tribes, state recognized tribes, urban Indian organizations, tribal organizations, and Asian American/Pacific Islander organizations, including Native Hawaiian organizations. Under this category, SAMHSA expects to award about 14 grants of up to \$250,000 each.